GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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Irregularities by TV Channels
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

a) whether the Government has received any information/complaints about alleged irregularities in the functioning of certain TV channels and their allied companies;

b) if so, the details thereof; and

c) the stringent action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BRAODCASTING { COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)}

(a) to (c) Permission to uplink and downlink private satellite TV channel is granted in accordance with the extant Policy Guidelines of Uplinking and downlinking of TV channels in India. Such permission holder companies, are required to abide by all the rules and regulations mentioned in the Policy Guidelines. Whenever any information/complaints about alleged irregularities in the functioning of any TV channel or their allied companies comes to the notice of this Ministry, action is taken on case to case basis, under the provisions of the Policy Guidelines.

In addition, all permitted broadcasters are required to ensure that all programmes and advertisements telecast on private satellite TV channels and transmitted/retransmitted through the Cable TV Network are required to adhere to the Programme and Advertisements Codes prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulations) Act, 1995 and Cable Television Networks Rules, 1994 framed thereunder. Details of action taken on violation of Programme Code/Advertising Code by private satellite TV channels in the last three years and the current year are enclosed as Annexure.

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